

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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In the Title:

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DEVICE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST SURGE VOLTAGES

In the Abstract:

Please replace the existing abstract with the newly-submitted abstract attached herewith on a separate sheet.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following section before the first line of the specification:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/FR2003/003659, filed December 10, 2003, which claims priority to FR 02/15891, filed December 10, 2002, both applications of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the present application.